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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON UNCTAD PREFERENCES AND  
MANUFACTURES MEETINGS

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1. WITH REGARD TO PREFERENCES MEETING, DEPARTMENT HAS NOTHING TO ADD TO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN BAAS AND PARHAM AND BRUNGART AND WILLIAMSON IN PARIS JUNE 17.
2. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TOPICS CONCERNING THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES MEETING MERITING DISCUSSION WITH THE GROUP B MEMBERS AT THE JUNE 21 CONSULTATIONS.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3(A) (I) MTN. THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MTN BUT WOULD OPPOSE ANYTHING THAT RESEMBLED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF MTN ISSUES. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT THE OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES SHARE THIS VIEW. WE NOTE FROM GENEVA 4180 THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT IS RENEWING ITS REQUEST FOR GATT MTN DOCUMENTS. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE US AND OTHER DELEGATION TO THE MANUFACTURES MEETING TAKE NOTE OF THE REQUEST AND PROMISE TO TRANSMIT IT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MTN DELEGATIONS WHICH COULD DISCUSS THE

QUESTION AT THE NEXT TNC MEETING. DOES THIS PROPOSAL SEEM A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE MISSION AND WOULD THE OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES AGREE TO IT?

4. OLD RESOLUTIONS ON SAFEGUARDS, SUBSIDIES AND COUNTER-VAILING DUTIES AND ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE: AGENDA ITEMS 3(A) (I) AND 3(A) (III). THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO OBJECT TO A NUMBER OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS IN THE RESOLUTIONS. MOREOVER, AS WE STATED AT THE TDB MEETING LAST OCTOBER, WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR UNCTAD DIRECTLY MAKING REQUESTS OF GATT. WE COULD ACCEPT THE FORMULATION IN PARAGRAPH 15 OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 91 (IV) WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN TAKE NOTE OF THE LDC VIEWS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOES THE MISSION BELIEVE THIS IS A FEASIBLE APPROACH? WHAT ARE THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES? COULD THESE RESOLUTIONS BE SIMPLY DISPOSED OF AS BEING OUT OF DATE, WITH THE ISSUES REQUIRING A FRESH START ON NEW TEXTS?

5. AGENDA ITEM 3(A)(II) TEXTILES. WE AGREE WITH THE FRG'S SUGGESTION THAT THE MANUFACTURES COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON TEXTILES BE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND WITH NO ATTEMPT TO DECIDE ANYTHING.

6. AGENDA ITEM 3(A)(III) ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE. WHEN HE ANNOUNCED RELIEF MEASURES FOR THE NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD DEVISE PLANS FOR AN EXPANDED ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DIRECTED TOWARD THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF THE US SHOE INDUSTRY. AN INTERAGENCY GROUP, LED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, IS DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM AND THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PROGRAM BY THE END OF JUNE. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP IS ALSO PREPARING A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE ENTIRE US ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO MAKE IT

MORE EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF FIRMS,  
WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY INCREASED IMPORTS.  
THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
THE PROPOSED NEW PROGRAM IN JULY OR AUGUST. THE  
MISSION SHOULD INFORM OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES THAT  
THE ADMINISTRATION IS LIKELY TO PROPOSE CHANGES IN THE  
ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
THE MISSION SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE OF OTHER GROUP B  
COUNTRIES WHETHER THEY HAVE GIVEN RENEWED THOUGHT TO  
ALTERING THEIR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND, IF SO,  
WHAT THE OBJECTIVES AND ELEMENTS OF CHANGES ARE.  
WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER OTHER GROUP

B COUNTRIES ARE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE  
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THAN THE US TO THE LDCS' DEMANDS FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

7. AGENDA ITEM 3(B)(I) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE  
COOPERATION. AS THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAS NOTED, ASPECTS  
OF THIS TOPIC TOUCH ON FINANCING OF INDUSTRIALIZATION  
WHICH COULD BE TREATED BY THE CIFT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT  
OBJECT TO THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES DISCUSSING THE  
SUBJECT. WE TOO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING EXACTLY  
WHAT THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES BE DISCUSSED. WE SEE  
TWO IMPEDIMENTS TO SUBSTANTIAL DIRECT US GOVERNMENT  
INVOLVEMENT IN FOSTERING INDUSTRIALIZATION IN DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. THE FIRST IS THE US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM MANDATE, WHICH CONCENTRATES ON SUCH AREAS AS  
FOOD PRODUCTION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH BUT DOES NOT  
INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT AID FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION PROJECTS.  
THE SECOND IS THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF  
BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH  
LIMITS THE SCOPE FOR DIRECT GOVERNMENT ACTION IN  
WHAT ARE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE SECTOR ACTIVITIES.  
WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN OTHER  
GROUP B COUNTRIES MIGHT NOT BE AS LIMITED AND WOULD  
BE INTERESTED IN THEIR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON AGENDA  
ITEM 3(B)(I). WE WOULD WELCOME THE MISSION'S JUDGEMENT,  
FOLLOWING ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER GROUP B  
COUNTRIES, ON WHETHER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THIS  
ITEM WOULD BE USEFUL, AND IF IT WOULD NOT, WHETHER IT  
IS AVOIDABLE.

8. THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT THE MISSION MENTION TO  
KRISHNAMURTI OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT THAT IT WILL BE  
DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA UNLESS THE  
DOCUMENTS ARE ISSUED SOON. THIS IS PARTICULARLY THE  
CASE WITH REGARD TO ITEMS 3(B) (I) AND 3(B) (II).  
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WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS TO BE DISCUSSED  
UNDER THEM 3(B)(II) NOW THAT DOCUMENTS TD/B/C.2/173  
AND 169 WILL NOT BE ISSUED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE  
DOCUMENT NUMBERS FOR THE STUDIES ON IRON AND STEEL  
AND ON FERTILIZERS UNCTAD PREPARED FOR UNIDO.

9. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE  
SECRETARIAT AND THE G-77 HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AT THIS  
MEETING, WHAT TOPICS THEY INTEND TO EMPHASIZE, WHETHER  
THEY PLAN TO TABLE ONE GENERAL OR SEVERAL SPECIFIC  
RESOLUTIONS, ETC. VANCE

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